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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG SF WA
SUBJ: NAMIBIA: NEXT STEPS

REF: (A) USUN 777, (B) USUN 776

1. WE SEE REAL ADVANTAGE IN GETTING OUR NAMIBIA PROPOSALS TO THE FRONTLINE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY BEFORE THE UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBUA'S PLENARY IN LUSAKA. OUR READING IS THAT FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS HAVE BEEN SENSITIZED BY DEVELOP-MENTS IN SALISBURY TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR FAILURE TO
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SUPPORT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS EARLY ENOUGH. WE BE-LIEVE THERE IS AT LEAST A FAIR CHANCE THAT THIS SENSITIVITY CAN BE TRANSLATED INTO, AT THE MAXIMUM, SUPPORT FOR OUR

PROPOSALS OR, AT THE MINIMUM, A BACKING AWAY FROM ACTIONS WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS TORPEDOING THEM. THE FRONT-

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LINE FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE A HELPFUL ELEMENT DURING THE PROXIMITY TALKS IN NEW YORK. GETTING OUR PROPOSALS TO FRONTLINE LEADERS IS THE BEST CARD WE HAVE TO PLAY IN KEEPING THEM POSITIVELY ENGAGED.

2. RE REFTEL B, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE CONTACT GROUP PICK UP AMBASSADOR KONIE'S INVITATION TO ATTEND THE PLENARY. AT LEAST DON MCHENRY'S PRESENCE COULD PROVE IMPORTANT IN ENSURING THAT SOMETHING POSITIVE COMES OUT OF THE LUSAKA SESSION. WE SEE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE DETAILED KNOWLEDGE THAT NS (AND HIS COLLEAGUES) CAN BRING TO BEAR ON THE THINKING OF NAMIBIA COUNCIL MEMBERS WHEN, INEVITABLY, OUR PROPOSALS COME UNDER DISCUSSION.

3. WE HAVE DISCUSSED TALKING POINTS SUGGESTED REFTEL BRU WITH THE FRENCH, WHO AGREE THAT THEY ARE ALREADY WELL KNOWN HERE AND WOULD ADD LITTLE TO THE SITUATION, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF MWALE'S ACTIVITY AT PROXIMITY TALKS. IT LOOKS FROM HERE AS THOUGH IT WOULD BE BETTER TO WAIT TILL CLOSER TO THE CONFERENCE DATE WHEN THEY COULD BE BEEFED UPON OR, IDEALLY, PRESENTED BY SOMEONE FROM THE NEW YORK CONTACT GROUP WHO COULD AUTHORITATIVELY EXPOUND ON THEM. LOW

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